

More Kiwis Expected At Food & Wine Fest

Organisers of the fifth annual Hawai'i Food and Wine Festival are expecting more New Zealanders at this year's event, due to the festival's higher profile in this market—and the continued Kiwi demand for all things Hawaiian.

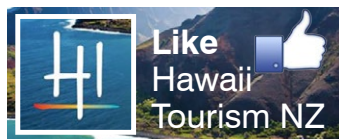
The event is on 29 Aug-13 Sep and features over 80 renown master chefs (including New Zealand's own Michael Meredith) staging events across the island group. The line-up includes showcases on Hawai'i Island, Maui and in Honolulu and Ko Olina on O'ahu.

"This is our fifth year—and it's going to be bigger and better this year," says festival executive director Denise Hayashi. The event was created by two legendry Hawai'i chefs, Roy Yamaguchi (who is also Hayashi's husband) and Alan Wong, and Hayashi



says there's a wide range of events at a number of locations to appeal to a wide range of clients.

The festival includes cooking demonstrations, wine tastings, special excursions, dining opportunities and more. For tickets and more details see hawaiifoodandwinefestival.com



Spring Cruise Menu

A seven-course Spring-inspired menu is offered on the Star of Honolulu until the end of Jun on the vessel's signature Five Star Sunset Dining & Jazz Cruise. The French-style feast begins at the exclusive Captain's Welcome Reception on the top deck before shifting to the newly-renovated Art Deco Super Nova room. The cruise departs every night at 1730 from Pier 8 at Aloha Tower Marketplace and costs USD184.00 per person. A Waikiki round-trip private stretch limousine costs an extra USD65 pp while a coach transfer costs USD12.

Kapalua Arts Celebration

The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua will host an annual Celebration of the Arts 08-10 May with hands-on art, demonstrations, films, cultural panels, music and dance. See celebrationofthearts.org

Waikiki Discount

Until 31 May the Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki is offering 25% off best rates on all suites, from USD277 for a one-bedroom Ala Moana Suite. Rates also include daily continental breakfast room service; coffee, juice and fresh fruit plate; in-room WiFi; and self-parking.

Mele Mei Festival

Halekulani will host award-winning musicians at House Without a Key throughout May, for the Mele Mei Festival. Events include Ledward Kaapana on 10 May, a special guest to be announced on 17 May, Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom on 24 May and Cyril Pahinui on 31 May. The events are every Sun from 1200-1430, see halekulani.com

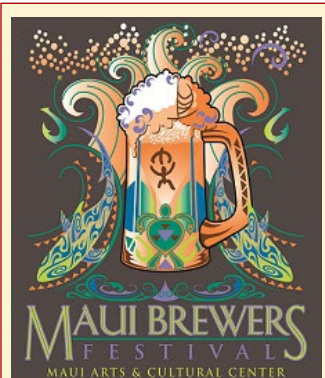
Aug Slack Key Jam

The Kani Ka Pila Grille at Outrigger Reef on the Beach is staging a Slack Key Jam, 14 Aug. 1800-2100. Called ki hoalu in Hawaiian, guests will be serenaded by the sounds of the slack key guitar while enjoying great local food, says Outrigger.



WoW Hawaii-style

The Mamo on Maui: Wearable Art Show takes place at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center, Yokouchi Pavilion (Maui) 20 Jun. The event features unique work by native Hawaiian artists and designers, including haute couture and contemporary fashion and accessories. Details, mauiarts.org



Maui Brewers Festival

The annual Maui Brewers Festival (16 May) showcases the best in craft beers made in Hawaii and beyond. It's on at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center, Kahului, and offers a leisurely day of tasting beers, sampling appetisers from Maui's popular restaurants and live entertainment with local bands. See mauiarts.org



Happy May Day And Mahalo From HA

The Hawaiian Airlines Auckland-based team was celebrating the rainbow state's annual Lei Day, or May Day, today. The carrier, which is now in its third year of operation to New Zealand has thanked the trade for its ongoing support in building Kiwi travel to Hawaii, helped by some 'pretty sharp fares', says HA New Zealand manager Russell Willis (aka Captain Aloha) pictured centre.

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